



Crossings

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS ✠ EPISCOPAL
875 COTTON STREET, SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA
MARCH 29, 2017

Holy Eucharist

Sunday: 9:30 and 11:00 AM
Saturday: 5:00 PM

Nursery

Sunday
9:45 AM – 12:30 PM

Choir Rehearsal

Sunday: 9:45 AM

Sunday School

Sunday: 10:00 AM

The Vestry

Reece Middleton, Senior Warden
Gerry Brooks, Jr. Warden
Steve Snodgrass, Secretary
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Deadline

Material for *Crossings* must be received by **12:00 Wednesday**.

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“Do you mean I’m addicted to being angry because I’m ashamed of being afraid?”

“Zen Cowboy” Chuck Pyle



Last week I got into the car at about 8:30 after a meeting of Daughters of the King, and my radio, as always, was tuned to our local public radio station. Part Two of the Chuck Pyle concerts was playing, and he was in the middle of a song. I learned that Pyle is “the original Zen cowboy,” and I gathered that he had written the songs on the recording. This was toward the end of his song, whose story must have been one of hardship he had brought upon himself. The line that grabbed me is the line quoted above. Here are four words so true for every human being, and linked together to form a blockade against our hearing the assurance of God’s grace and accepting it. But in naming the sins of the blockade there is always the possibility of tearing it down to receive God’s grace.

Addiction: Here we look not at chemical addiction, but at those pieces of everyday life that bind us. The seven sins identified as “deadly” all qualify: pride, greed, lust, envy, gluttony, wrath, and sloth. They may seem harmless enough in the beginning, but hanging on or making a habit of one or another will lead to a kind of death, a separation from God, from one another, from our true selves, from life in all its fulness. We are all vulnerable to being seduced into a false sense of security offered by the salve of repeated sin. Familiarity can lead us into addiction.

Anger: one of the Seven Deadly Sins (wrath). Each of us experiences anger; for some of us it’s our primary sin, or one of two or three that is strongest within us and against which we battle all our lives. It’s one that’s hard to let go of. There seems to be some perverse lure in trying to soothe our wounds with anger; yet it only serves to hurt us more—and in most cases to have no effect on the subject of our anger. Sustained anger paralyzes us and prevents us from receiving the grace and release of forgiving. We may be angry at ourselves, holding ourselves responsible for something, and not even realize it.

Years ago I learned at a retreat on the Seven Deadly Sins that anger can have a positive effect, if we allow it. Identifying the cause of our anger can stir us to

action. That action may be reaching out to the one we resent with the hope of reconciliation; it may be physical action to bring justice where there is injustice; it can be prayer intentionally and soulfully directed to righting injustice, bringing us to forgive when we know we are incapable of reaching that place alone, putting our anger in God's hands. But we have to sincerely *desire* to let go.

Often, anger can run so deep we may not know its source or even its existence. Our prayer might be that God will bring the source into the light and lead us out of it. So it can be good to be angry as long as we don't want to stay there forever, as long as we first desire reconciliation.

But I digress.

Shame: Much has been written about shame in the past several years; yet, it's something only relatively recently being brought into the light. We're all vulnerable to believing we're not good enough, or that we don't measure up in some way, or that we're responsible for some evil or failure in our family, or responsible even in that we're complicit in the evil in our culture and feel helpless to change it. Many times shame can be traced to childhood. Naming our shame is the first step to healing it.

Fear: I don't know for sure, but I believe most, if not all, evils or failings or separations among us, if we dig deeply enough, can be traced to fear. Like anger, we may not have found that fear and named it. But it binds us in its chains, and they are as deadly as any of the deadly sins; in fact, fear might be the cause of our sin. Fear that we are not good enough to live freely, without fear, in God's grace; fear that we have sinned and cannot deserve God's forgiveness; fear that someone else will take our place on the ladder of life; fear of letting go of the temporal things we have come to believe provide our security. Fear that we are not, after all, self-sufficient.

Pyle shows his wisdom here: His anger has become comfortable, too comfortable for him to take a chance and let go of it. The comfort of his anger masks his shame for being afraid—something we sometimes don't want to admit, that we live in fear of something. Our autonomy is threatened as fear intimidates us. The door is closed to God's grace as long as we believe we are self-sufficient.

That's a long ramble. I hope you glimpse, as I do, the truth of the words and their connection: addiction (safety, comfort, even in the wrong and hurtful place); anger (licking our wounds and preventing their healing); shame (not believing we deserve God's unconditional love, often not knowing the roots of our deprivation); fear, the beginning of it all. In our soul-searching during Lent, in our desire to draw closer to God, my hope and prayer are that we all have come closer to knowing our inner fears and angers and shames and addictions and the temptation to find safety in them. I hope that by connecting these words we can glimpse together the promise of the Resurrection.

When we realize how much we need God we can arrive at that place where we find that we can do nothing and don't have to do anything to "deserve" God's love, that God is with us and within us, giving that love regardless of our failures and sins, hoping we will accept it. It's something we could never dream up. It's something we have to know as we see it, beyond our wildest imaginings, in Jesus' life and teaching, in his last week of passion, and in the promise of his Resurrection. May the final weeks of Lent bring us to the Cross in gratitude and to the empty tomb in acceptance and renewed desire to share the Good News of God's forgiving, saving, love for all people.

The Rev. Mary B. Richard



Daily Feast: Meditations on the Word, Year A

Louisville: Westminster, John Knox Press, 2012



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The Fifth Sunday in Lent, Year A April 2, 2017

Ezekiel 37:1-4 Psalm 130
Romans 8:6-11 John 11:1-45

(John 11:1-45) A few years ago, a friend gave me a poster with the slogan, “Consider the possibilities . . .” —ellipses indicating that there is more to be said, this slogan provocatively reminds us to dream beyond the boundaries, to consider the possibility of resurrection, anticipating it so profoundly that we stand at the tomb of suffering and pain, listening for the voice of Jesus, ready to unbind those whom God delivers, even now.

Veronice Miles

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday April 9, 2017

Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16
Colossians 3:1-4 John 20:1-18

(Matthew 27:11-54) Matthew’s narrative affirms that whatever lies ahead for Jesus’ followers has already happened to Jesus. Whatever they might suffer, he has already endured. The essential Christological claim in this Gospel is that Jesus—even at the most isolated and isolating moment on the cross—is Immanuel, God with us (*Matthew 1:23; cf. 28:20*).

Audrey West

The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day April 16, 2017

Jeremiah 31:1-6 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Colossians 3:1-4 John 20:1-18

(Colossians 3:1-4) God’s graciousness toward us is not expressed in individualized, separate, and independent actions that have no relationship to each other: Individuals are saved and justified as part of a community.

Thomas P. McCreesh

We need to examine the cups we bring with us to our prayer and to our worship. We need to see if they’re already full of our own thoughts—and yes, prejudices. Do we give Jesus any room to fill us with the water that gushes up to eternal life?

Anonymous

The Continuing Feast Continues this Sunday



The Continuing Feast continues on this last Sunday in Lent. Please join us in the Undercroft after the 11:00 service to share food and fellowship with the Holy Cross family, friends, and neighbors. Bring an appetizer, main dish, side dish, salad, or dessert, and be prepared to enjoy a truly wonderful meal. **Come hungry, my friends!**

Calendar for April

Sundays	Informal Eucharist	9:20 AM	Rose Garden or Chapel (depending on weather)
	Choir Rehearsal	9:45 AM	Nave
	Nursery	9:30 AM – noon	Education Building
	Sunday School	10:00 AM	Education Building
	Holy Eucharist II	11:00 AM	Nave
Saturdays	Holy Eucharist	5:00 PM	Chapel
Sunday, April 2	Inquirers' Class	9:15 AM	Education Building
	Continuing Feast (NO Gospel Memories)	after the 11:00 service	Undercroft
Wednesday, April 5	Last Soup Day	11:00 AM-1:00 PM	Undercroft
Sunday, April 9	Lunch and <i>Gospel Memories</i>	after the 11:00 service	Undercroft
HOLY WEEK			
Palm Sunday, April 9	Holy Eucharist	9:20 AM	Rose Garden or Chapel (depending on weather)
	Liturgy of the Palms, Eucharist	11:00 AM	Nave
Tuesday in Holy Week, April 11	Worship, Communion with VOA	11:45 AM	Nave
Maundy Thursday, April 13	Foot washing, Eucharist, lunch with neighbors	11:30 AM	Undercroft
	Holy Eucharist, Divesting of the Altar	6:00 PM	Nave
Good Friday, April 14	Good Friday Liturgy	Noon	Nave
Holy Saturday, April 15	Easter Eucharist	5:00 PM	Chapel
Easter Day, April 16	Easter Eucharist	9:20 AM	Rose Garden or Chapel (depending on weather)
	Easter Eucharist, music for trumpet, choir, and organ	11:00 AM	Nave

Please note . . .

On Saturday, April 1, the 5:00 service is cancelled because of the street closings and lack of parking due to the Texas Avenue Makers Fair.



Prayer List

Wanda Allen
Cary Rhea Brooks
Evelyn Corley
Tricia Davis
Ron Dean
Elizabeth Eglin

Shirley Enani
Floyd "Buzzy" Farrar
Luke Fry
Lady Martha Garner
Christine Hennigan
Kenneth Jordan

Mim McCoy
Pat McCoy
Paige McCranie
Brady Sessions
Tommy Simrall
Jack Theurkauf

Robert Todd
Mattie Washington
Bill Wright
Mary Wright

We have recently updated our prayer list. If you or someone you know wants to request prayers, please call the church office, 222-3325. Your request will remain on the list for six weeks, unless you indicate that you would like it to remain longer.

We pray for those who serve and are served by The Caddo Council on Aging; for the people of our country, that we may work with renewed purpose to overcome our fears and prejudices; for law enforcement officers and the people they serve; for people in all places where there is war and fear, and for those who seek peace; for migrants in Africa and Europe, for all immigrants seeking acceptance and safety; and for the leaders and the people of our country, that a spirit of hospitality and respect for all people may lead us to work for the common good.

In our Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for Christ Church, Bastrop, The Rev. Ned Head (Mary Nell); and for St. George's, Bossier City, The Very Rev. Jaime Flowers (Denise).

In the Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for the Dioceses of Mityana - (Uganda) The Rt. Rev. Stephen Kaziimba; and Jerusalem (Jerusalem and the Middle East), the Rt. Rev. Suheil Dawani.

God of justice, your Son taught us on the cross to open our arms and embrace evil with love. Having learned from the same cross that the path of love is not without hardship and suffering, we pray that you strengthen our faith and resolve to imitate your Son. *Amen.*

Lay Ministries

The Fifth Sunday in Lent April 2, 2017

Sat. 5:00 PM: Lector, Eucharistic Minister: Larry Wright
Sun. 11:00 AM:
Lectors: Hannah Wallace, David Richard
Prayers of the People: JoAnn Horton
Eucharistic Ministers: Nathaniel Means, Kendall Raymond
Acolyte: Aaron Horton
Ushers: Herschel Richard, Bill Richard
Altar Guild Sat. 5:00 PM: June Kirkland, Margaret Heacock
Altar Guild Sun. 11:00 AM: June Kirkland, Ginger Paul

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday April 9, 2017

Sat. 5:00 PM: Lector, Eucharistic Minister: Larry Wright
Sun. 11:00 AM:
Lectors: Ginger Paul, Aaron Horton, Melissa Fowle
Prayers of the People: Reid Raymond
Eucharistic Ministers: Reece Middleton, Aaron Horton
Acolytes: Patrick Raymond, Joe Bob Evanson, Hannah Wallace
Ushers: Becky Snodgrass, Steve Snodgrass
Altar Guild Sat. 5:00 PM: June Kirkland, Margaret Heacock
Altar Guild Sun. 11:00 AM: Becky Snodgrass

The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day April 16, 2017

Sat. 5:00 PM Lector, Eucharistic Minister: Larry Wright
Sun. 11:00 AM:
Lectors: Reid Raymond, Lynn Walford
Prayers of the People: Nathaniel Means
Eucharistic Ministers: Monty Walford and Kendall Raymond
Acolytes: Aaron Horton, Hannah Wallace, Joe Bob Evanson
Ushers: Herschel Richard, Bill Richard
Altar Guild Sat. 5:00 PM: Margaret Heacock, June Kirkland
Altar Guild Sun. 11:00 AM: Tommie Sue Brooks, Becky Snodgrass



If you would like to give an Easter lily to the Glory of God and in honor or memory of a loved one, please call or email the church office no later than Friday, April 7. The requested donation for each lily plant is \$16.50. Please mail or take your donation to the church office.



Service Music The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Mass Merbecke and Ambrosian Chant
Psalm 130 Metrical setting Hymn 666 St. Bride
Anthem: *Who at my door is standing?* anon. English tune; arr. K. Lee Scott
Hymns: 567 St. Matthew 641 Southwell 495 *In Babilone*
Organ: *Prelude on Psalm 130* Howells *Elevation III, Op. 32* Dupré *De profundis* Langlais

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday: The Liturgy of the Palms with the Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sung prose at the Liturgy of the Palms
Mass: Merbecke and Ambrosian Chant; adapt. Martens
Psalm 31:9-16 Responsorial; adapt. B. Power
Offertory Prose *Improperium expectavit cor meum*
Anthem *When I survey the wondrous cross* Christopher W. Hart
Solo: *Pie Jesu (Requiem)* Fauré
Hymns: 154 Valet will ich der geben 158 Herzliebster Jesu 164 Bangor 168 Passion Chorale
Organ *Hosanna to the son of David* Demessieux *The Palms* Langlais

Maundy Thursday

Solo at the Divesting of the Altar *O vos omnes* C. Franck

Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day

Introit Tone VIII.2

Mass Mathias and Hurd

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-17, 22-24 Tone VIII.2

Anthems *He is risen* C. Cope *O sons and daughters, let us sing!* anon. 17th c. French; arr. Stanford

Hymns 207 Easter Hymn 208 Victory 180 Unser Herrscher 174 Salzburg 210 Ellacombe

Music for Trumpet and Organ including works of Telemann

Organ: *Fanfare* Lemmens *Toccata (Symphony V)* Widor

Easter Day Trumpet

Our guest trumpet performer for Easter Day is Francisco Javier Ballestas Sayas, a native of Cartagena, Colombia, where his teachers included Milton Suescun and Jorge Pardo, as well as Alexander Solomeniuk of Russia. In 2012, Mr. Sayas performed the Josef Haydn *Trumpet Concerto* with French conductor Francesca Canali. The same year he won a scholarship to Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, where he is currently studying music education and performance. He is the principal trumpet of the NSU Symphony Orchestra, and also plays in the NSU Wind Symphony and Jazz Orchestra.



Farewell (for now) Fred O We'll miss you!

By now many of you have heard the sad news that our parishioner and friend, Fred Ogunyemi, died in an automobile accident on Monday, March 20. Fred O, as everyone called him, was a faithful member of Holy Cross, and served as Eucharistic Minister for many years.

Born in Lagos, Nigeria, Fred came to Shreveport in 1979. His large family includes children and grandchildren in the Shreveport area and other parts of the country, a sister who lives in London, and numerous relatives in Nigeria. In addition, he had other “families”—not blood relations, but families based on love, respect, and friendship. One is the Holy Cross family, of course, and another is his family at the Bossier Parish Schools, where he was employed for more than twenty years as Social Worker Facilitator.

His supervisor, Ms. Bettye McCauley, said that “Dr. O” served as a liaison between the school system and students and their families, and was particularly concerned with helping at-risk students succeed in school. He would visit their homes, meet with students and their families, and help them find ways to overcome obstacles to learning. According to Ms. McCauley, he was a friend to all, especially to young people, and was a true professional. He was passionate about helping students understand that “with a good education the doors of the world would be open to them.”

When I was looking for a picture of Fred to include in this remembrance, I had a hard time finding any of him alone. Then I realized that it was because on camera or off, Fred always seemed to be hugging someone! We'll remember those hugs, we'll remember his wonderful smile, and we'll remember our friend.

Fred and Monty



Melissa and Fred



The Burial Office for Fred is on Friday, March 31, at 4:00 PM, at Holy Cross

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Hope House: There is an ongoing need for coffee, sugar, creamer, laundry detergent, disposable razors, and personal size hygiene products (soap, shampoo, deodorant, etc.). Donations can be taken to 762 Austen Place or to the church office. Thank you for your continued support.

Forward Day by Day for **March and April**, in both standard and large-print editions, is available in the Narthex and the Undercroft.



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